

SENATE BILL 429

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56,  
Chapter 7, relative to telehealth.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-7-1002(a)(5), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting the following:

(5) "Qualified site":

(A) Means the office of a healthcare services provider, a hospital licensed under title 68, a facility recognized as a rural health clinic under federal Medicare regulations, a federally qualified health center, a facility licensed under title 33, or another location deemed acceptable by the health insurance entity;  
and

(B) Includes, for the provision of behavioral health services provided via telehealth, the patient's home or a remote location chosen by the patient;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-7-1002(a)(7), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

(C) Notwithstanding subdivisions (a)(7)(A) and (B), for the provision of behavioral health services when the means described in subdivision (a)(7)(A) are unavailable, includes audio-only conversation;

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it, and applies to services delivered on or after the effective date of this act.